

consumer expectations and industry requirements.

This particular meeting was called to decide on whether apple juice made from imported concentrate should be labelled with its true country of origin, but participants recognized that any decisions made about apple juice would ripple through the entire food industry. There was no agreement on when the word "Canada" should appear on a label.

Canadian processors would like to use Canadian apple concentrate but they're not assured of a consistent supply and flavour. As a result, large quantities of apple concentrate are imported and reconstituted in Canada.

Labelling the percentage of Canadian or foreign concentrate used would cut profits and be difficult to regulate, the processors stated. Canada imports concentrate from about 40 countries, and one firm may import from six different countries at a time, changing or blending the concentrate several times during a production run, depending on the quality, price and availability of the concentrate.

After discussion most agreed that "Packed in Canada"



should appear on the front label and "From Imported Concentrates" on the list of ingredients. Grading nomenclature and the definition of "Product of Canada" will be discussed in the near future by a small working group to be formed of consumer, industry and government representatives.

Airline Bans Smoking: CAC Applauds

CAC is encouraged by Air Maritime's recent decision to ban smoking on all its flights and hopes other airlines will follow suit.

The Association resolved last

summer at its annual meeting to strongly encourage all airlines licensed in Canada to voluntarily ban smoking on all flights of three hours or less scheduled flying time.

The flights on Air Maritime, a subsidiary of Eastern Provincial Airways (EPA), are never longer than 1 1/2 hours. The company's decision was also influenced by their lack of competition on many routes and the fact that the aircraft used is small (40 seats). Gary MacPherson, general manager of Air Maritime, said he thinks his company is the first airline in Canada to ban smoking.

An EPA official said the airline has no immediate plans to ban smoking on larger, more

competitive flights.

CAC's 1984 resolution also urged the Minister of Transport to require that ventilation be adequate to remove tobacco smoke on any flight in which smoking is permitted.

Regulatory Gazette Hazardous Products in the Workplace

The federal department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (CCAC) is now working with provincial governments to provide a consistent system of informing employers and workers about hazardous substances in the workplace. Information about hazardous substances differs from province to province and is often difficult or impossible to obtain.

After consulting with the provinces, CCAC recommended regulations requiring uniform warning labels and data sheets on hazardous substances be used in industry. These regulations should be ready by early 1985.

A hazardous substance refers to anything inflammable, poisonous, corrosive, explosive or in any way dangerous when handled.

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